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SENATE RESOLUTION 103  
By Williams

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Jefferson County  
Family Resource Center and their fine Director,  
Phil Kindred.

WHEREAS, Jefferson County is very fortunate to have an innovative Family Resource Center that helps students get a good start in life and maximizes their opportunities to reach their potential; and

WHEREAS, the noble purpose of the center is to assist children and their families by making referrals to the appropriate sources of help; the program has established a link to all community social service agencies; and

WHEREAS, the idea for the center started six years ago with the Jefferson County "At-Risk Committee", whose members included educators, administrators, residents and a representative from Nashville; and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Family Resource Center was one of the first such entities of its kind; and

WHEREAS, Phil Kindred was chosen as the Center's first director, a position in which he still serves admirably; and

WHEREAS, under his able guidance, the center has been recognized as one of the best in the state; their receipt of three consecutive state grants has made it possible for the center to serve each of the county's elementary zones; and

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WHEREAS, the Family Resource Center strongly emphasizes the importance of “parents” playing an active role in the early development of their children; and

WHEREAS, the long list of services provided by the Family Resource Center includes: the Parenting and Family Information Line; the Quick Tips Line; assistance to teachers in the use of teaching styles that promote positive self-concepts in children; an Attention Deficit Disorders Support Group; a Narcotics Anonymous program for teenagers and young adults; numerous Parent-to-Parent Drug Prevention Workshops; Public Advocacy Programs and Workshops; Teacher-Staff Development opportunities, and a Video and Book Library for parents and teachers; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to honor and commend this exemplary program and its astute director; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor and commend the Jefferson County Family Resource Center and its outstanding director, Phil Kindred.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.